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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:	)	
ECKART OP DEN CAMP	)	Confirmation No. 5006
	)	
Serial No. 10/686,042	)	Group Art Unit: 3679
	)	
Filed: October 15, 2003	)	
	)	Attorney Docket 1-24802
For: A PIPE CONNECTION AND A	)	
METHOD FOR ITS MANUFACTURE	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION TO CONSIDER INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)

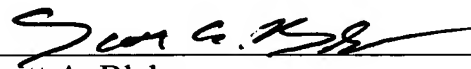
Honorable Sir:

Petition is hereby made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), to have the Patent Office consider information in connection with the above-identified application. Copies of such information, with the exception of U.S. patents, as well as a completed PTO-1449 form, are enclosed.

Each item of information contained in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement was first cited the enclosed German search report.

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